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In re Application of:

Tanweer AHSAN et al.

Application No.: 09/555,641

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For: TREATING PARTICULATE
ALKALINE EARTH METAL
CARBONATES

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated June 4, 2002, the period to reply having been extended by four months by a request for extension of time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4-5, 7-15, as follows:

4. A method as claimed in claim 1, and the alkaline earth metal carbonate comprises calcium carbonate.
5. A method as claimed in claim 1, and the particulate material has a surface area of from $3\text{m}^2.\text{g}^{-1}$ to about $13\text{m}^2.\text{g}^{-1}$.

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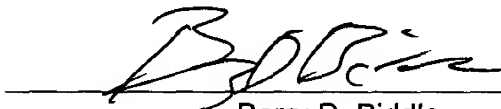


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